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areas. Government is also opening up areas for future exploration through reconnoitory surveys.

Cancellation of petrol pumps

†1806. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps cancelled by Government during the year 2001 on the basis of complaints received against petrol pumps; and

(b) the action being taken against the owners of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) In the year 2001, Public Sector Oil Companies terminated in all 67 retail outlets out of which 2 were based on the complaints received against them in line with the dealership agreement / Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Export of petroleum products

†1807. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sale of petroleum products has continuously increased during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) if not, the year-wise break up of the increased sale of total petroleum products in the aforesaid years; and

(c) the year-wise details of each product exported alongwith the quantity thereof during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.